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A Woman Who Without Envy Observes the Wife of a Former Suitor Carrying More Style Than She Herself Can Afford Loves Her Husband

## NO WARNING GIVEN MARINA TWICE TORPEDOED

Death List of Americans Now Increased to Seven

## NO HELP FROM SUBMARINE

U-Boat Stood by While Lifeboats Capsized and Men Perished in Heavy Sea.

London, Nov. 1.—The loss of American lives in the sinking of the Marina was increased to seven today, when Wesley Frost, the American Consul at Queenstown, telegraphed to the American Embassy the name of another American named Brue, as one of the victims.

Mr. Frost has procured a joint affidavit from the Americans who reached Crookhaven and a similar document from American survivors at Bearhaven. The affidavits agree that the Marina was torpedoed without warning; that the first torpedo struck on the starboard side and the second hit the vessel twelve minutes later and was followed by a boiler explosion, the steamship sinking six minutes afterward. No Americans were killed by the boiler explosion. Those who lost their lives were drowned as the lifeboats were launched.

According to this information a submarine which emerged after the second torpedo was fired was seen plainly by Americans on the Marina, but did not communicate with the steamship or offer assistance to the small boats, which were in deadly peril from the rough sea.

Further affidavits from American survivors say that the vessel had a 4.7 inch gun mounted astern, but that it was not used, as the ship had no warning of the submarine attack and it was too late after the torpedo had hit the vessel. The submarine did not shell the Marina, they say.

It is regarded here as quite probable that the American State Department will make still further inquiries with the object of definitely determining status of the Marina. While it is said that she was under private charter when she was torpedoed it appears that the vessel may have been engaged in Admiralty work not long before.

Fifteen Americans who reached Cork Tuesday night with the other members of the crew of the Marina are under the care of the American Consul.

## DRIVEN THROUGH WINDOW

Man Hit by Auto at Bellows Falls and Pinned Against Wall.

Bellows Falls, Oct. 31.—The fourth serious automobile accident within four days occurred here when an automobile driven by D. H. Cushion, manager of a local hotel, struck Mark Sibley, a fireman at a local paper mill, fracturing his leg in two places below the knee.

Sibley, who came here from Barre, was standing, looking in Fenton & Hennessey's window in the square. The automobile cut beyond the control of Mr. Cushion and jumping the curbstone, pinned the victim of the accident against the building and driving his body through a large plate glass window. Sibley's left leg was fractured and his right hand cut by the glass. The machine was not damaged.

## IRISH BEAT CONSCRIPTION

Australia, However, Determined to See War to Finish.

London, Nov. 1.—A despatch to the Times from Sydney says:

"Australia is astonished at the vote against conscription. It was chiefly due to the Irish vote against the policy in reprisal for England's failure to complete home rule negotiations. Also the women flinched before the duty of sending men to the trenches.

"The voting does not affect Australia's determination to prosecute the war to a finish. Australia is merely divided regarding the method of raising men."

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## VAUX EVACUATION IS ANNOUNCED BY BERLIN

Last of Verdun Defence Held By German Troops

## ATTACKS ON LE TRANSLOY FAIL

Repeated Assaults by Both French and British Result in Immaterial Gains.

Berlin, Nov. 2.—Port Vaux, an outer defence of the city of Verdun, has been evacuated by the Germans, it is officially announced today. Vaux was the last of the Verdun defences in possession of the German army, Fort Douaumont having been re-captured by the French a few days ago. The Germans blew up much of the wall before withdrawing from the fort.

Paris, Nov. 1.—Le Transloy still holds out against every effort of the French and British to storm it, but the French today crept a little nearer this strongly held village southeast of Bapaume. Working in cooperation with the British the French infantry captured two trenches southwest of Le Transloy.

The struggle for Le Transloy is becoming one of the most stubborn of any of the series of desperate fights for strong positions that have made up the Somme battle. Today the attack was made west, south and southeast of the village, and at one point only success is claimed. The Germans say the British attack west of the village reached their trenches, but broke down after bloody hand to hand fighting.

Soon after the Le Transloy attacks the French shifted the attack southeast and began what will be a difficult and costly undertaking, the conquest of the St. Pierre Vaast wood. They took a strongly organized and defended German trench system on the western edge of the wood, which linked the Sailly section of Sailly-Saillies to the wood. Built in the form of a crescent and protected by double entanglements of barbed wire, the trench was a serious obstacle.

There will be far more desperate work in taking the wood, which is twice as large as the famous Delville wood that cost the British so dear. Though most of the larger trees have been cut down, the small ravines that run through the wood make it easily defensible.

The only other engagements north of the Somme were about Sailly-Saillies early in the day. The Germans made a very strong attack on this double village from north and east, in which wave after wave of infantry was sent at the position. The French broke up every attack and took seventy prisoners.

At Verdun, where there was only a severe cannonade today, the French announced tonight that since October 24, a week ago yesterday, when they suddenly retook strong positions from the Germans, they have taken 6,011 prisoners. The material taken is very large in amount and in value. Fifty-five trench mortars, 144 machine guns, two wireless plants and a great quantity of shells, rifles, bombs and other material have fallen into French hands as a result of this stunning blow to the Crown Prince.

## SENATOR BORAH STRICKEN

Forced to Cancel Engagements in Wisconsin and Ohio.

Fond Du Lac, Wis., Nov. 1.—United States Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, who has been on a speaking tour for Hughes and Fairbanks, is seriously ill here and has been compelled to cancel dates for the remainder of the campaign. He was suddenly taken ill yesterday with a severe cold. This morning he had a temperature of 102.

Charles Nagel of Missouri, former Secretary of Commerce and Labor, has been assigned to fill Senator Borah's speaking engagements in Wisconsin and Ohio.

## MILDRED BREWSTER FREE

Woman Who Has Been at Insane Asylum 18 Years Paroled.

Montpelier, Oct. 31.—Mildred Brewster, the slayer of Annie Wheeler, who has been 18 years in the Waterbury insane asylum, was ordered paroled this morning after a three days' hearing by Judge Fish in Washington county court in charge of Sheriff Frank H. Tracy. Friends in Washington have offered her a home.

She shot and killed the Wheeler girl in Montpelier May 30, 1897. Miss Brewster believed Miss Wheeler had come between her and her lover, Jack Wheeler.

She attempted suicide after the homicide. At her trial she was found not guilty by reason of insanity.

## PRaise for Local Trail

Bennington Section Meets with Approval of Appalachian Club.

Allen Chamberlain, Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Chamberlain and R. A. Bullock, all of Boston, and members and officers of the Appalachian club, which maintains trails all through the White Mountains, were over the Bennington section of the Long Trail recently and have since written to a local hiker, expressing themselves as being much pleased with it.

They said that the trail is as good as or better than the average of the White Mountain trails that the red markers used on the Bennington section are far superior to the white markers and white blazes used on the rest of the trail in Vermont and the White Mountains, and that the only marker they had seen which might be compared with them, and which they did not consider so good, is a light blue one used on the Sandwich range of the White Mountains.

Members of a party from Pittsfield who recently tramped over practically all of the long trail in this state, said that the poorest portion of the Bennington section, the two miles from the top of Stratton mountain to the Dufresne job, is better than the best of the balance of the Long Trail.

## LITHUANIAN RELIEF

Tag Day in Bennington Secures Fund of \$54.33.

Village Clerk W. P. Hogan, who acted as treasurer, is today forwarding to the Red Cross headquarters in Washington, D. C., a check for \$54.33, the amount collected in Bennington Wednesday for the war sufferers in Lithuania.

The collection was made by residents of Housick Falls. Four boys and five girls went about the streets during the day selling tags for whatever sums the purchaser desired to pay. Each of the tag sellers was provided with a sealed tin box in which the money derived from the sales was placed.

Late in the afternoon the boxes were turned over to Clerk Hogan according to an arrangement made earlier in the week and it was found that the collection amounted to over fifty dollars.

Through the columns of the Banner those who managed the collection wish to express their appreciation of Bennington's generosity for this meritorious cause.

## LOSS OF GRAIN SHIP FEARED

Steamer A. D. Davidson Carried Americans in Her Crew.

London, Nov. 2.—A Lloyd's dispatch from Newquay, Cornwall says that a ship's lifeboat, marked A. D. Davidson has been washed ashore at Perranporth. The latest report of the steamship A. D. Davidson is of her departure from Montreal, October 4, for Havre. The A. D. Davidson was much overdue, and the news that the lifeboat had been picked up caused the rate of reinsurance to rise to 70 guineas per cent.

Harbor officials at Montreal said yesterday that the steamship A. D. Davidson carried an American crew. The vessel was one of a number of American lake grain carriers bought by the French government. The Davidson's crew was said to have been engaged by J. W. Elwell & Co., shipping commissioners in New York city.

## PAYS \$121 FOR KEEPING LIQUOR

Giovanni of Middlebury Also Has Suspended Jail Sentence

Middlebury, Oct. 31.—Farco Giovanni was arraigned before Municipal Judge H. James B. Donoway this morning on a charge of keeping intoxicating liquor with intent to sell, withdrawing his former plea of not guilty. The respondent was fined \$300 and costs of \$21.00 and sentenced to serve not less than six months nor more than seven months in the house of correction at Rutland. On his promise to suspend traffic in liquor \$200 of the fine and the jail sentence were suspended. Giovanni paying \$100 and the costs of \$21.00.

## VERMONT CAVALRY REUNION

Is to Be Held at Norwich University, Northfield, November 9

St. Albans, Oct. 31.—Major Seymour H. Wood of this city, secretary and treasurer of the Vermont Cavalry reunion society, announces that the annual reunion of the survivors of the Vermont cavalry will be held in Northfield Thursday, November 9, when the members will be guests of the trustees and faculty of Norwich University.

The meeting is to open at 2 o'clock in the afternoon with the presentation and dedication of the flag and flag staff to the university. A compire will be held in the evening.

## 3,603 BRITISH CIVILIANS LOST

Died From Wounds or Shock and by Drowning, Asquith Says

London, Nov. 1.—Premier Asquith in a written reply to a question in the House of Commons today says: "The number of British civilians killed, drowned and wounded by the enemy follows: Killed or died of wounds or shock, 589; drowned, 3,014; injured, 1,693."

## MACKENSEN HALTS DRIVE TO AID FALKENHAYNE

German Commander in Dobruja in Need of Assistance

## RUMANIANS ARE BACK HOME

Bucharest Reports King Ferdinand's Soldiers Are Again in Their Own Territory.

Petrograd, Nov. 2.—The advance of Field Marshal Von Mackensen in Dobruja has been halted, according to the announcement of the war office. Von Mackensen has been forced to send so many troops to the aid of Von Falkenhayne that his own operations are hampered. On the Transylvania frontier, except south of the Red Tower, the Teutons have been checked.

London, Nov. 2.—The Austro-German forces have retired from the region of Campulung, in northern Rumania, pursued by the Rumanians, who have passed over the frontier in the movement, according to a dispatch from Bucharest, says a wireless message from Rome received at London. Four hostile battalions were annihilated by the Rumanians, according to this report.

A wireless message from Bucharest declares the advance of the Austro-German forces on the southern Transylvania front has been arrested, while in the Carpathians along the Moldavian frontier the situation is excellent and the conviction is firm that the Teutonic forces will not get through.

The Teutonic losses in the Carpathian fighting are said to have been enormous while the ground they have gained has been negligible and in eight days they have lost 3,000 men in prisoners, eight heavy guns, six field guns, 40 machine guns and large quantities of material. The first period of bad weather that has prevailed along the front in general is now hampering operations.

## CONFISCATED LIQUOR MISSING

Booze Mysteriously Disappears From Brattleboro Village Battle.

Brattleboro, Nov. 1.—The village commissioners promise a thorough investigation into the disappearance of several gallons of liquor from the lock up between the time of the seizure 10 days ago and the making of an order for the sale of the booze by the sheriff by Judge Frank E. Barber of the Municipal court.

The liquor was seized by the police department and in court evidence showed that only one of the containers had the seal broken. When Sheriff Mann was given the order to dispose of the liquor he found that half the contents of a five gallon jug of whiskey had disappeared as well as half the contents of a three gallon wine jug, half of a gallon of rum and the greater part of a keg of ale. No one has keys to the lockup but the police and the sheriff's department.

## NEW LICENSE COMMISSIONER

Walter H. Berry Succeeds William A. Root on Bennington Board.

Walter H. Berry, proprietor of the Walloonsac Inn at Old Bennington, has been appointed a member of the Bennington board of license commissioners to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of William A. Root. The appointment was made Wednesday afternoon by Assistant Judges Crosby A. Perry of Readsboro and H. N. Shaw of Manchester and Mr. Berry qualified this forenoon. The appointment meets with the approval of the remaining members of the board and will undoubtedly be endorsed by the community. The new commissioner has always maintained an active interest in the affairs of the town and is in every way qualified to perform the duties of his new office.

## WELFARE ASSOCIATION MEETING

Report Made on the Halloween Celebration

At a meeting of the directors of the Public Welfare association last night, the report of the committee on community celebrations was given, covering the Halloween parade and festivities, which were conducted under the direction of that committee. The report was enthusiastically received, as all the members felt that the event was perhaps the most successful effort that has yet been made toward uniting the whole community for a common object and the common good. Congratulations have been received by the committee from all sides, and many assurances of larger support of the movement another year. Several merchants have signified their desire to participate even more extensively than this year, and others who were not represented have expressed the intention of getting into line with floats that will do them credit.

## DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET

Committee Gives Reasons Why Candidates Should Be Supported.

Bennington, Vt., Oct. 30th 1916.

To the Editor of the Banner:

The national campaign seems to be the subject most prominent in the minds of the voters at this time and it seems that we are entirely forgetting our local, county and state offices and it is for this reason that we wish to call your attention and also the attention of the voters of the county of Bennington to the men who are our candidates for the various County offices. Many of these candidates are making their first appeal to the voters of Bennington County while their opponents year after year have asked the voters to elect and re-elect them. Isn't it time that we had a change and elected new men whom we felt are more competent to fill these positions and who are beyond the control of any political boss or political ring. We urge the voters of Bennington County to compare man for man the candidates and ask them if the following list is not the strongest and best and entitled to receive their support at the polls.

For Senator, John P. Morrissey of Bennington. Mr. Morrissey is one of Bennington's promising young men, has been employed nearly all his life in the Cooper Machine Works, has served two terms as Trustee of the Village of Bennington and has been re-elected for a third term, was one of the incorporators of the Henry W. Putnam Memorial Hospital and is at this time one of the Trustees and Auditor, has always been a friend of the laboring man and would make an especially strong champion of their cause in the next Senate, he has always been a booster of Bennington County and deeply interested in all that appertain thereto and should be elected.

For Senator, James W. Tynan of Arlington. Mr. Tynan needs no introduction to the voters of Bennington County, his record is above reproach, as school director for many years, as a selector for 12 years, he has proven himself a most faithful public servant and though at times declining offices has tendered him, when called upon, has always responded and the voters of his town will testify to his ability. His business life as contractor and builder has made him one of the big forces in the north shire and his natural ability fits him to ably represent Bennington County in the Senate when it needs a man to bring more prestige to Bennington County. And Mr. Tynan should be elected.

For Assistant Judge of the County Court, James Beebe of East Dorset, for many years engaged in farming, has held many of the town offices, as lister and constable he filled the offices with satisfaction to his home people, and he has been Representative to the General Assembly for two terms, such faith and esteem placed in this man by the people who know him best most certainly entitles him to the support of the voters of Bennington County and he should be elected.

For Assistant Justice of the County Court, Johnson of Shaftsbury, one of the most extensive farmers and land owners in the town of Shaftsbury, born, reared and lived nearly his entire life in that town and is one of the best known men in Bennington county. A man of ability, honesty of purpose, and integrity, and a man who has the interests of Bennington County at heart, and should be elected.

While we deplore the system which allows the Assistant Judges of our County Courts to appoint license commissioners we can guarantee to the voters of Bennington County that James Beebe and Johnson M. Mattison will fill these offices and perform these duties with out fear or favor of any man.

For Sheriff Frank Regan of Manchester, a young man of ability, active, aggressive and determined, and especially fitted for the position of Sheriff of Bennington County. He has been tax collector of the village of Manchester and is at present manager of Carlsen Inn at Manchester, which position has given him a very wide acquaintance not only in Bennington County but elsewhere. We feel that it would be a great misfortune to the voters of Bennington County if they failed to avail themselves of the opportunity to elect Mr. Regan as Sheriff. We believe that Bennington County needs a young, aggressive and determined man to fill this high office and Mr. Regan is capable and fills every requirement and should be elected.

For High Bailiff Truman H. Mattison of Woodford a young man of ability, probably one of the best known young men in Bennington County. As a farmer and afterwards engaged in the sale of farm machinery also in the automobile business he has been most successful. Capable and honest he can and will fill this office if elected with honor to himself and to the County and should be elected.

John VanDerSpeigel Merrill, the candidate for Judge of Probate for the District of Bennington was born in Bennington as were his father and mother. Mr. Merrill was admitted to the Bar 17 years ago and his law office has always been Room 2, Savings Bank Building. Mr. Merrill is well grounded in the common law and to the amendments thereto as applied to Probate practice. Mr. Merrill is so

## GUARD OF DEFACTO MEXICANS KILLED BY VILLISTAS

Mexican Central Train Held Up 150 Miles South of Border

## CHIHUAHUA CITY ISOLATED

Carranza Garrison May Eventually Be Starved into Evacuating the City.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 2.—Twenty-eight Mexicans in the de facto government's army were taken from a train on the Mexican Central railroad and butchered at Laguna and 400 passengers were lined up and robbed by a band of 200 Villistas Monday, according to information received here by Consul Soriano Bravo. The town of Laguna is 150 miles directly south of the border.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 1.—Railroad and telegraph communications between Chihuahua city and the border have been interrupted and Chihuahua city is now isolated, as the railroad has been destroyed north, south and west of the Chihuahua State capital. All train service between Juarez and Chihuahua city has been annulled.

American army officers here declared today that Gen. Trevino and the Carranza garrison in Chihuahua city would soon be forced to evacuate the city if the railroad lines north and south of Chihuahua city remained cut. Food supplies are reported to be scarce in Chihuahua city, and Gen. Trevino has been depending upon shipments from the border to feed his soldiers. With the road between Juarez and Chihuahua city cut this is no longer possible, and nothing can be obtained from the south and west for the same reason.

Mexican officials admitted today that the railroad and telegraph between Juarez and Chihuahua city had been cut, but minimized it with the declaration that a small band of "unorganized bandits" did the work. The information of American military men, however, is to the effect that a part of Villa's men have cut in around Chihuahua city on the north and cut the track, co-operating with others of the band who are reported to have destroyed the railroads south and west of the State capital.

## AVIATOR CARLSTROM FAILS

Forced to Land at Erie, Pa., But Made New Record.

Erie, Pa., Nov. 2.—Victor Carlstrom the aviator who left Chicago this morning in an attempt to make a non-stop flight to New York, was forced to descend here but established a new American non-stop record.

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Grammar School Players To Take Part in Series.

Basket ball is coming to its own in Bennington and it will not be long before every boy will master the game thoroughly. Interest and enthusiasm in this particular sport has grown to such a marked degree in the hearts of the boys that the Y. M. C. A. has organized and made ample provision for this league.

Every grammar school boy will have a chance to develop his athletic ability in basketball which naturally will create the more essentials; clean living, clean thoughts and clean sports and direct them in the right way. The teams have been practicing for over three weeks and are now ready to meet each other to find out which team will win the pennant. The opening game will be played on Nov. 10th when Div. A, meets Div. E at 4:30 at the Y. M. C. A.

Every mother and father who is really interested in the welfare of their boy and naturally the boyhood of Bennington is urged to encourage them by coming out and cheering for the game.

The following divisions and captains are contenders for the pennant which will be awarded by the Y. M. C. A. Div. A—Nathan Gold, Capt. Div. B—Martin Neen, Capt. Div. C—Donald Fairley, Capt. Div. D—Frank Sumner, Capt. Div. E—Wilfred Ratel, Capt. Div. F—James Madigan, Capt. Div. G—Raymond Leaver, Capt.

well known to the people of this town and county as to need no extended introduction. Mr. Merrill considers the office to which he has been nominated as strictly nonpartisan and should be elected.

Democratic County Committee for Bennington County.

## BENNINGTON BOYS WIN PRIZES FOR BIRD HOUSES

Many Contestants Take Part in Unique Contest

## FIVE AWARDS JUST ANNOUNCED

Competitors Showed Ingenuity in Selection of Materials to Build Homes for Feathered Songsters

The prizes in the contest for bird-house building have been awarded as follows:

1st prize, \$1.50 each—Roland Hunter and Edward Wood.

2nd prize, \$.75 each—Ellis Chase, Joseph Drohart, Alexander Drysdale.

The conditions of the contest, as announced last spring, were that each boy should build his own bird-house, that the house should be occupied by a bird other than an English Sparrow or a starling and that a family of young should be raised.

A large number of boys throughout the town entered the contest and so many extremely practical, as well as ornamental, bird-houses were built that it has been very difficult to decide which should receive the prizes.

Great ingenuity was shown among the contestants in utilizing materials at hand in the construction of the houses. One boy used a butter box, another granite roofing paper, and two others, tar paper—all of these were occupied by blue-birds. Several of the boys put up more than one house and one family became so interested that with the father's aid two boys constructed ten houses.

Altogether, it was a pleasure to know that so many comfortable and attractive homes were furnished for the birds of Bennington.

## VERMONT FIREMEN

Annual Meeting of State Association at Montpelier

Montpelier, Oct. 31.—With about 50 members present the 27th annual convention of the Vermont State Firemen's association was held this afternoon in the Memorial room of the city hall, followed by a banquet tonight. At the banquet the visiting firemen were welcomed by a member of the city government and several members of the association made extemporaneous remarks.

The following officers were elected at the business session, the place of holding the next meeting being left with the executive committee: President, C. B. Gladding of Barre; vice-presidents, C. A. Hastings of Ludlow, P. H. Gunther of Winslow, Harry Tolbert of Chester, C. A. Barber of Winooski and John M. Donnelly of Vergennes; secretary, F. D. Moore of Bennington; treasurer, L. C. Grant of Burlington; executive committee, W. A. Patten of Montpelier, J. H. Holloran of Winooski, C. D. Stockwell of Burlington, F. H. Guerin of St. Albans, E. M. Tobin of Barre; statistician, C. F. Rich of Middlebury; topic committee, H. T. Holmes of Poultney, George Magdon of Morrisville, C. A. Niles of Burlington; auditors, E. F. Nash of Burlington, George T. Kidder, Jr., of Middlebury, Harry Belmare of Winooski.

C. A. Niles of Burlington was the retiring president and all of the retiring officers were given a vote of thanks. A. J. Howe of Montpelier, a member of the Volunteer Hose company of Montpelier 67 years ago, told of the first fire engines ever had in the city.

## FAMOUS VERMONT COMPOSER

Elas Pratt, Born at Addison, Dead at Pittsburg

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 31.—Elas Pratt, aged 70, a concert composer and pianist, well known in Berlin, London, New York and Chicago musical circles, is dead here after a brief illness. He became known today. He was born in Addison, Vt., and studied music in Chicago, later going abroad. He composed the "Centennial Anniversary" overture and dedicated it to Gen. U. S. Grant. After a tour abroad he returned to Chicago and composed the lyric opera "Zenobia." Then he organized and directed the Chicago grand opera festival.

Afterward he became a resident of New York. After a subsequent tour of Europe he again became a resident of New York where the more important of his compositions were brought out. For the last 10 years he had lived in Pittsburg. His widow and two children survive. His body will be taken to Chicago for interment.

## WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont fair tonight and Friday, moderate temperature.